

FILE SYSTEM METADATA

Abstract

A computer network file system is described. The computer network file system includes first metadata, which is managed primarily by a first file server that is operably connected to a network fabric. The first metadata includes first file location information, and the first file location information includes at least one server id. The computer network file system also includes second metadata, which is managed primarily by a second file server that is operably connected to a network fabric. The second metadata includes second file location information, and the second file location information includes at least one server id. The first metadata and the second metadata are configured to allow a requestor to locate files that are stored by the first file server and files that are stored by the second file server in a directory structure that spans the first file server and the second file server.

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